

REMARKS

Applicants gratefully acknowledge the allowance of claims 13-16, 21-24, and 30-35. Favorable consideration and allowance are requested for claims 17-20, 25-29, and 36-38 in view of the following remarks.

Status of the Application

Claims 13-38 are pending in this application. Claims 13-16, 21-24, and 30-35 have been allowed. Claims 17-20 and 25-28 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 4,337,822 to Hyltin *et al.* (the “Hyltin patent”). Claims 29 and 36-38 were objected to as being dependent upon rejected base claims. Claims 17 and 25 have been amended.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 102 (b)

According to the Examiner, the Hyltin patent discloses each of the limitations of claims 17-20 and 25-28. In response, Applicants respectfully submit that the Hyltin patent discloses changing signals inside the apparatus via a slide switch assembly 14. For example, in the Hyltin patent, as illustrated in Figures 10 and 11, electrical signals are applied from inside the housing through conductors K12 to K16; these signals are transmitted to conductor 168 through wiper arm 14A and conductor 190. This means that the electrical signal is transmitted or conducted from inside the housing to another location inside the housing.

In contrast, the present invention applies new adjustment signals from outside of the apparatus through the conductor, as claims 17 and 25 make clear.

For this reason, Applicants respectfully submit that the rejection of claims 17-20 and 25-28 should be withdrawn.

In addition, the Office Action fails to indicate where the Hyltin patent discloses a “concave formed outside of said housing,” as recited in claims 17 and 25. For this additional reason, Applicants respectfully assert that the rejection of claims 17-20 and 25-28 should be withdrawn.

Objection to Claims 29 and 36-38

Applicants gratefully acknowledge the Examiner’s indication that claims 29 and 36-38 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. With respect to claim 36, Applicants respectfully submit that it depends from claim 16, which has been allowed; therefore, claim 36 should also be in condition for allowance in its current form. For the reasons stated above with respect to claims 17-20 and 25-28, Applicants respectfully assert that claims 29, 37, and 38 are also in condition for allowance in their current form.

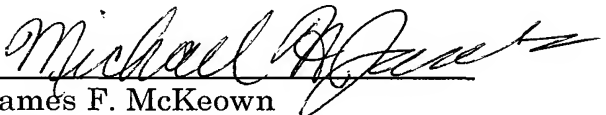
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If there are any questions regarding this amendment or the application in general, a telephone call to the undersigned would be appreciated since this should expedite the prosecution of the application for all concerned.

If necessary to effect a timely response, this paper should be considered as a petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response, and please charge any deficiency in fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 05-1323 (Docket #056207.43640C5).

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